



Proclaiming March 2023 as
Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Whereas, more than seven million individuals with developmental disabilities live in the United States; and

Whereas, every person, regardless of ability, has valuable strengths, infinite capacity to learn and the potential to make important contributions to their local communities; and

Whereas, celebrating the abilities and contributions of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities can only serve to enrich our community and enhance our diversity; and

Whereas, more than 700 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities receive educational, employment, and independent living services from The Fire of Ventura County; and

Whereas, The Fire of Ventura County is celebrating 69 years of service to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families since 1954; and

Whereas, "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" is an appropriate time to commemorate the progress in improving the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and identify the improvements that remain in achieving full inclusion.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim March 2023 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, and urge our citizens to give full support to empowering people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live productive lives and achieve their fullest potential.

Presented on this 14th day of March 2023

Chair of the Board of Supervisors
Matt LaVere, Supervisor 1st District

Jeff Gorzll, Supervisor 2nd District

Janiez S. Parvin, Supervisor 4th District

Kelly Long, Supervisor 3rd District

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